



Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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MINUTES

Meeting of June 3, 2003
830 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Chairperson
Richard J. Rosenthal, CRE

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Kenneth D. Rozell
William Selditz
David Spence
Terri Tippet
Benjamin "Frank" Venti

Chairperson Rosenthal called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 9:47 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2003

This item was continued to the August 5, 2003 meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rosenthal reported that there are two Los Angeles City Council appointment vacancies on the Commission, and welcomed Diamond Bar City Councilmember Deborah O'Connor.

On May 14, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security announced a \$700 million fund allocation to enhance urban security in areas with high density populations and critical infrastructure. The City of Los Angeles will receive an additional \$18.87 million. The Port of Long Beach will receive an additional \$6.46 million and the Los Angeles Harbor and Long Beach Harbor will receive an additional \$9.1 million from the Port Security Fund. The MTA will receive \$4.5 million for mass transit security. The federal government is providing a great deal of supplemental funds into the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Chairperson Rosenthal stated his concern that LAX was not chosen as a recipient of some of these additional funds.

SB 21 (Machado) requires state agencies to develop guidelines implementing Proposition 50 the Water Security Clean Drinking Water Coastal Protection Act using funds from a bond issue approved November 2002 in the amount of \$3.04 billion. The State Senate Appropriations Committee is holding the disbursement of these funds pending submission of plans from involved departments and approval of the state budget.

SB 537 (Romero) deals with the Puente Hills Landfill. The County successfully lobbied for the removal of provisions that would prohibit the County from allowing the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to exceed the current allocated volume by more than five percent, and it appears that the landfill will be successful in its bid to expand the facility.

Commissioner Spence reported that the landfill is preparing a plan for possible location(s) for the transfer point station(s) and rail routes that could sustain a daily load of 4,000 tons per day. The County Sanitation District is negotiating for twenty-five acres of a forty acre vacant lot owned by the Carpenters Union Pension Trust to locate a transfer station at a rail source adjacent to Rio Hondo Community College.

Chairperson Rosenthal requested an invitation be sent to the Sanitation District to have a representative attend the Commission's September 2nd meeting and provide an update.

He stated that other commissions are actively discussing real estate management, facilities management, and asset management, and this Commission will monitor these events and make the appropriate steps to participate in these discussions.

FACILITATING POPULATION OF THE GIS SYSTEM AND DATA FLOW BY CITIES

Chairperson Rosenthal introduced Emilio Solano and provided Mr. Solano with an overview of the Commission's goals in reviewing the GIS System.

Mr. Solano provided an overview of the Assessor's Office and its functions. The County has 2.3 million parcels including public parcels that are tracked by the Department's automated system. Other levels of information include: assessor's maps and boundaries, assessor regions, district boundaries, Supervisorial District boundaries, or any combination. Information is obtained from cities, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and aerial photography.

Ownership information on public parcels is limited, and is determined through the County Registrar/Recorder. Mr. Solano stated that the Department could provide public parcel information and the cities/city redevelopment agencies would be able to identify their parcels but would not be able to identify the specific use of each parcel.

There is a high demand for data and the department is compiling a comprehensive source to satisfy that demand. One example is the Department of Sanitation which requires data to determine dump sites of hazardous waste that might be neglected or abandoned. Other agencies seek other specialized information.

Since Proposition 13, the Assessor's Office has been semi-sufficient. The Department charges individuals \$1.00 per parcel request to cover costs and \$.20 per parcel to the cities. Cities such as Los Angeles, Burbank, Long Beach, Pasadena, Glendale, Alhambra, and Torrance seek information on parcels within their boundaries. These cities receive updates annually due to the marketing agreement they have with the County Assessor. The Department is reviewing the mechanics of exchanging data with eleven other cities.

This information exchange enables the Department to acquire more information, increasing the County's database, and making services more marketable. The County's

system is updated each time a new recording is submitted on any parcel to the Registrar/Recorder.

In 1995, GIS System standards were developed, but some cities have set up their own GIS system with individual vendors who market different programs and the standard was not followed. Mr. Solano stated that his department is attempting to correct this by providing commonality with all the programs.

The most useful source of information provided by cities to the Assessor's Office is building permits. The cities are required by law to provide the information but there is a problem with the carbon paper copies provided. A system is available to overcome this problem that provides access to the County's GIS and technical information covering all parcels within a city's boundaries provided clear information is received originally.

Chairperson Rosenthal thanked Mr. Solano for the presentation and invited him to provide the Commission with a presentation of the County's GIS Services via intranet hookup. The Chairperson also requested a hard copy printout of public parcels in a particular jurisdiction and requested that any Commissioner secure information from that jurisdiction so the Commission could compare the two reports. He also requested Commissioners invite members of the Independent Cities, Contract Cities, the League of California Cities and anyone else who may be interested in attending this demonstration.

STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORTS

Commissioner Brogin provided an update on the Caltrans project. She is in contact with Doug Failing, Caltrans District Manager, and will provide the Commission with more information at a future meeting.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Rosenthal, Chairperson
Wendy Brogin
Walter Coombs
Algird Leiga
Kenneth D. Rozell
David Spence
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.

STAFF

Martha Littlefield
Ken Wales

GUESTS

Emilio Solano, Supervising Cadastral Engineer III, Mapping and GIS Services, Los Angeles County Assessor
Mark Granado, Management Assistant, Los Angeles City Chief Administrative Office
Deborah O'Connor, Councilmember, City of Diamond Bar
Bruce Staniforth, Executive Director, LAC Citizens' Economy Efficiency Commission

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Sharon Martinez
Arden F. "Shorty" Feldbush
Shana Epstein
Angela Gibson
Gordon Gray
Erick Lee
William Selditz
Pat Stitzenberger, Vice Chair
Edward H.J. Wilson